
St. Martin De Porres Parish

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Pastoral Team

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Tuesday to Friday 8.30 AM

** No Morning Mass on Monday & Saturday

FRIDAY Mass is followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.00 am.

Weekend

SATURDAY: 5.00 PM (Vigil)

SUNDAY: 9.00 AM, 10.30 AM & 12.00 Noon

Reconciliation SATURDAY From 4.15 PM to 4.45 PM

Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion

Registered and active parishioners are asked to contact the parish office during week days between 8.30 am to 4.30 pm (Closed 12.30pm - 1.30 pm)

Marriage

Contact the parish priest one year in advance of the date of marriage.

Shut-ins

Please let the parish team know so that they can be supported sacramentally.

Parish Schools

St. Martin De Porres School

416-393-5286

St. Malachy School

416-393-5336

St. Ursula School

416-393-5306

Diocesan Services

Birthright (pregnancy support)

416-469-1111

Catholic Cemeteries

416-733-8544

Catholic Family Services:

416-921-1163

Catholic Cultural Services

416-757-7010

(counselling for individuals and families)

New Beginnings

416-222-1101

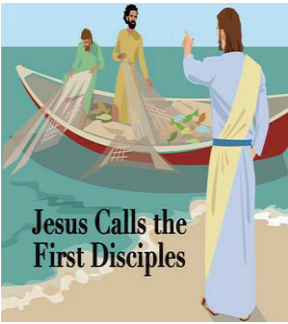
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages)

416-281-6007

St. Vincent de Paul Society

416-284-6131

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1st Reading:
Jonah 3. 1-5, 10

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 7.29-31

Gospel:
Mark 1.14-20
(Jesus Calls the First Disciples)

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **9:00 am, 10:30 am and
12:00 noon**

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Fishing for Christ

“Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.” Just as Jesus called his first disciples 2000 years ago, he continues to call us to follow him. As we reflect on this beautiful Gospel account, let us focus on one aspect, the fact that Jesus uses the image of being a “fisher.” It is most interesting to note that as he is calling actual fishermen, he uses their own language.

There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. While fishing may seem unrelated to being an apostle, Jesus does not downplay their past experience. He invites them to bring all of the gifts and talents that they have received from God, but instead of using it for their own gain, to use it to gain souls for Christ.

So too as stewards, we can sometimes think that God can only use us if we are already perfect disciples or have degrees in theology or extensive training in ministry. However, the Lord wants us to bring all of our experiences, even our personal and professional backgrounds to serve Him. If we have backgrounds in finance or accounting, we can use that to help assist various parish ministries. Likewise, if we have experience as a teacher, we can utilize those gifts through various catechist or RCIA groups. This is the heart of stewardship. To recognize that we all bring our own particular gifts that can be used to serve Christ. Let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call to become “fishers of people,” each in our own way.

Summary

As Jesus calls the apostles, He uses their own language by inviting them to be “fishers of people.” There is a deep spiritual insight that can be gleaned from this, namely, that Christ uses what we bring to the table to serve Him and the Church. This is the heart of stewardship, so let us reflect on our own gifts and graciously heed the call of Christ to become “fishers of people,” each in our own way.

Mass Intentions for the Week – January 20 – 21, 2024

Saturday January 20th

5:00 pm + Eulyn Aird
 - Intentions of Kareem John on his
 Birthday

Sunday January 21st

9:00 am

10:30 am + Digno & Evelyn Macaranas

12:00 pm - Intentions for Hyacinth Samaroo
 on her Birthday
 - Good Health and Blessings for
 Lambert Mike Jacob & Family

Monday January 22nd

8:30 am

Tuesday January 23rd

8:30 am + Cresencia Miel
 + Sarah Pinto

Wednesday January 24th

8:30 am + Patrick McColgan
 + Scott Partington

Thursday January 25th

8:30 am + Carolina Miel
 - Thanksgiving for personal
 intentions of Amy Lebelle

Friday January 26th

8:30 am + Justin Serensits

FINAL WEEK



Final Weekend to pick up your Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you have not picked up your envelope box by Jan 21st, your number will be assigned to someone else. Also, kindly check your name before picking up your envelope box.

PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR 2023 DONATION ENVELOPES.

Thank you.



Come discover the many opportunities to share your talents in our Faith community.

**Saturday Jan 27th after the 5:00 pm mass and
Sunday Jan 28th after all the masses
In the Parish Hall**

Learn more about the different ministries in our parish and come see who we are and what we do. Ask questions and discover if God is calling you to share your faith, time, and talent. Share what you love and see where your gifts may fit in.

We look forward to welcoming you!



2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

We're so glad so many of you have picked up a Missal for this year! Unfortunately, we are not able to use old missals from previous years so you are invited to simply recycle them at home.

Copies of the **2024** Sunday Missals are still available for \$5.00 . If you would like to purchase one, please contact the parish office.

May the new missal for the year help you enter ever deeper into the Mysteries of our Faith!



DAY OF REFLECTION

**Monday, January 29, 2024: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre,
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering**

Topic: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you."

At Mass, just before communion, we have a Rite of Peace. This is no accident. Today we have a time for reflection on the importance of this rite. We offer a sign of peace to one another, we pray for peace in our world and in our lives, but we also open ourselves in a new way to receive this gift from Christ.

Facilitator: Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ.

A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch, and mass along with the program.

REGISTER: <http://manresa-canada.ca>

CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca

PHONE: 905-839-2864



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul

Thank You

THANK YOU to all our very generous parishioners who donated grocery gift cards or money. Thanks to you, we were able to provide Christmas dinner to 44 families. They were very appreciative.

God Bless You.

Parish Weekly fact



What is the meaning of The Chi-Rho symbol?

The Chi-Rho (pronounced 'kai-ro') is a Christian symbol (Christogram) for "**Christ**" formed by superimposing the two Greek letters "Chi (X)" and "Rho (P)" which are the first two letters in Greek of the name of "CHRist." Constantine, the first Christian Roman Emperor, used the symbol on the shields of his soldiers.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

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